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Baltimore

October 15<sup>th</sup> 98.

Dear Miss Mason.

My time  
has been so broken up  
this summer, and I have  
been able only to get  
a very little reading  
done. So I think there  
is no use in attempting  
the examination in  
December. I had rather



give up altogether  
than go in for work  
badly prepared. I want  
very much to take  
the whole course if  
only. I can take my  
time. Only it hardly  
seems fair to the  
kind Teachers to put  
off for it - must give  
them extra trouble.

I want to tell you what  
real pleasure you  
"Parents and Children"  
has given me. This  
summer and to thank  
you for writing it.  
I have found it so  
full of help. And have  
gone over it many  
times. I want to read  
it this winter with  
my husband. so that  
we may enjoy it together.  
I hope you are feeling  
better than when  
you last wrote me.



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and that you have  
had so pleasant holidays  
I took my little boys to  
Nagasaki for a month.  
that enlarged their world  
a good deal. But I find  
living in Bible land  
takes away a good deal of  
"reverence". As regards  
Bible places, it is just  
like every thing else.  
Living by faith is easier  
than by sight sometimes  
I think!

With kind regards  
Very sincerely yours  
Lydia Mackinnon

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ST JOHN'S COLLEGE  
LAHORE

£1.1.0  
J. Melnar

Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> 1908.

Madam.

I should like to enter for  
the Mothers' Educational Course - Will  
you kindly tell me if the Examinations  
are compulsory, & anything else I  
should know about it. I enclose  
a cheque for £1.1.0, which I believe  
is the Fee for the Course - I am a  
member of the P. N. E. U. -

I see it is suggested that the P. N. E. U.  
Reading Course might be taken  
first - I much prefer to ~~be~~ study  
the Home Education Series with the



FOR THE  
SCHOOL  
STUDY

books appointed for the Mothers' course. They are not new to me - & what I am most anxious to do is to do some nature study, as my eldest little boy (nearly 3 years) is just the age to be keenly interested in everything.

I took the National Health Society certificate many years ago, is it necessary to take Human Physiology & Hygiene under the circumstances?

My time is limited, as we are in India as workers under the Church Missionary Society, & shall find it difficult to get the necessary reading done. But I am

most anxious that my children should have all the teaching (especially in nature) that I can give them.

Yours truly

Violet Wigram

The Secretary  
House of Education  
Ambleside.

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Sera Lemail Khan  
Punjab

India

Sep. 22/11

Dear Madam

I wish to join the  
Mother's Educational course  
I enclose the Fee of one  
guinea. I already take in  
the Parents' Review but have  
no back numbers (if necessary  
to the course out here). Would  
you kindly let me know where



I can be sure to get at join the course so as to be  
once the necessary text books able to do so on the best  
of wh. I suppose I will get method. The eldest child  
a list as writing home from is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years & till now has  
the Punjab Frontier means done no lessons. I sh<sup>d</sup> like to be  
near two months before as to join your Review School.  
Answer can be received. I have a set of Preliminary  
My children join me out questions I was given last  
here shorts & I shall have year; would they be the  
to educate them myself same in use this year?  
for two or three years &

Remain

Yr faithful

P. A. Anderson

W. H. Anderson

c/o H. A. Anderson

Commissioner

Sera Lemail Rhare

Pungah.



am  
MEC  
& PVE

15/1/1929

15. Staveley Road.  
To. Min Kitching. Poona.  
House, Education India.

Dear Madam.

I am very anxious to  
join "The Mothers Education  
Course" - I have long been a  
disciple of Min Morrison  
& derived the greatest help  
& benefit from her books -  
"Home Education" & "Parents & Children".  
I have had & still have a  
great deal to do with  
working & forming several branches  
at home, the "Mothers Union".



Miss Mason

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her books have given me so  
very much help in my  
addresses - I have often read  
abstracts in illustration of  
various points - besides  
lending the books a great  
deal - & getting those who  
can afford it to buy them;  
perhaps Miss Mason may  
like to know how much  
help & pleasure she has  
given on this matter, the  
glide - besides other places.  
I have never formally joined  
the Union - though I take in the

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'Parents Review' & I see that  
is one of the conditions of  
joining the M. P. C. &  
the subscription is 10/- (in addition  
to the price for the course.)  
which includes the Magazine -  
Now, I have already paid my subscription  
out here - to a bookseller in Boston  
for the current year - & with the  
postage it comes to rather more than  
the 10/- I am anxious to begin  
the reading as soon as possible -  
as my children will be away  
from me in another 3 or 4 years.  
I am taking my boy home for good  
next year - so may I pay the  
price now - join the Union &  
pay my subscription to you next



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January. as I do not feel I can  
practically pay it twice over, in  
addition to the fee. I shall be in  
hurry next year - so in any case

would prefer riding <sup>the moggie</sup> at home.

I have worked the "Mothers Union"  
as my husband being a Chaplain -  
I have found it better for parochial  
& Church purposes - but I lend

the 'Parents Review' a great deal. &  
tell the more educated 'Mothers'  
all about it - It was Miss Barnett.

(Clara). an old pupil & most  
devoted admirer. Miss Mason - who  
first introduced the P. M. P. U. to  
my notice. Hoping you will let me  
join the M. E. C. at once.

Yours truly

Ella Hatchell

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SUNNYSIDE,

RAWTENSTALL.

May 23.

Dear Miss Mason.

I believe I  
should take my M.P.C  
Examination in June  
should I not?

If it is possible to  
manage it could I  
take it in the end  
of July or in August  
instead or would that



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give a lot of trouble? (only I am afraid you  
I have had a very many hardly have time  
busy winter as there to read my letter) how  
are not only the very grateful I am to  
children, & I teach them you for the help I  
myself at present. but have got through the  
ever since Christmas & P.H.E.U. - I know I have  
have been giving been immensely helped  
weekly classes to the in myself & the  
multitude of whom I ~~have~~ children have been  
are very fond - far better taught &  
I should like to tell you looked after than they



would have been had  
 I never heard of it - not  
 only that, but it has  
 reached out to the factory  
 girls who have come  
 in numbers to the lectures  
 which I should never  
 have been able to give  
 without the aid of the  
 M.E.C. I should think  
 you must get hundreds  
 of letters from  
 grateful mothers - I  
 know that I should.



never be able to  
 express half my  
 gratitude if I were  
 to talk for a week -  
 would it be possible  
 for me to get a lodging  
 or go to an Hotel at  
 Ambleside towards  
 the end of the summer  
 as I should so like  
 to see you & the House  
 of Education - & I shall

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wanting someone to  
help me before long.

Yrs very sincerely  
Florence Brook

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17 p/pneu 29 Cheriton Cottage  
Arresford  
Hants

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Dear Madam

I am very  
pleased to write to  
you concerning the H.E.C.  
though I am afraid  
I cannot answer your  
questions very well as  
I have only done the  
first-year as yet.

1. It has been a help  
to me in telling me

What books to read & doing it as a course it makes one read when otherwise perhaps one would let other things take up all ones time -

2. I like Miss Mason's books very much. They made me think when I first read them almost more than any other book I have ever read. Physiology has always interested me & the only fault I can find with Dr. Schofield's

Book is that it is so sketchy, I got so interested I had to get other books upon the subject that explained more fully - The ~~Phys~~ Mental & Moral part I also liked very much all the books for the first year -

Dr. Abbott's book I am afraid I do not like -

"Bible Lessons -"

The Nature Love I found very elementary but I may say that the whole years reading has made



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me so interested in all  
the subjects, that many  
of them I feel sure I  
shall go on following  
up long after the course  
is over.

3. The Examinations I think  
are very good. The questions  
give such a wide scope -  
I am afraid this will  
not help you much -

Yrs truly  
Dr. J. Carnegie

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6, CARLTON HILL,  
N.W.

April 13. 1897.

Dear Madame,

I regret the  
unavoidable delay in  
replying to your letter.  
The M. C. C. has been  
of great value to me,  
although I have been  
prevented from working



steadily for the examinations by having exceedingly delicate babies & other duties to perform which have left me no time for my own reading. I think the course is beyond the average mother, & entails far too much reading

for the busy one.  
 The examinations, I think,  
 are difficult, & require  
 perfectly uninterrupted  
 quietness for several  
 half-days, & this I  
 find impossible to ob-  
 tain in a month, far  
 less in a week.

The books I most  
 value are:—

Home Education. 18 p4 pneu 29

Care of Infants.  
 Parents' Reviews.  
 Carpenter's Mental Physi-  
 ology.  
 Froebel's Ethical Teaching.  
 Apologising for delay,  
 Yours sincerely  
 Mary Voysey.



THE LYNN  
CALIFORNIA  
WHEEL

May 5<sup>th</sup>

Dear Mr. Anson

I have been looking  
through my M. S. C. papers &  
hope my answers to your  
questions may not be too  
late to be of any use:-

1. ~~I~~ I have found the course  
a help, in introducing me to  
a whole world of educational  
thought & practice of which  
I knew little or nothing - thus  
(a) it has given me self-confidence  
in directing the education of

my children, in choosing  
teachers, schools, & for them  
which I could not have felt  
before - ~~but~~ (b) I have also found  
a great interest in the study  
of education for its own sake  
apart from the practical  
use it may be to myself -  
(c) I find that it gives me  
interests in common with  
other people with whom I  
should perhaps otherwise have  
no sympathies

In the second place the course  
has given a motive & a  
framework for systematic  
study, which is always so  
hard to get into one's day  
during the busy years of  
one's life -

The sections I have found  
most interesting & useful  
are Divinity & Nat. Science  
- Physiology one gets a  
good deal of in other ways  
I think, & Mental & Moral  
Science, though interesting, I  
find a little "indigestible" (no  
doubt one learns more from the  
books than one thinks however)



- I think with all these advocates  
 & laymen, there are corresponding  
 dangers to which one should  
 not shut one's eyes - I am  
 sure in these days, there is a  
 great danger to some ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~  
 that in "living for our children"  
 we should ~~forget~~ altogether  
 that we have any other  
 duties at all! - & in the absorbing  
 interest of educating our children  
 we may if we are not careful  
 lose interest in anything else  
 & begin to view all things from  
 the "educational" standpoint.

The Mothers who would be  
 willing to give all their spare  
 time (it does take nearly all!)  
 to the M. P. C. would be the  
 very ones to whom this would

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CITY OF LYNN  
OF MASSACHUSETTS

be a real danger.

2. In Divinity

"The Historic Faith" Westcott

"The Gospel of S. Matthe." Plumptre

In Physiology.

Coombs' "Physiology"

In Mental & Moral Science. Etc.

Carpenter's Mental Physiology

Triller's "Education for Nat. Science"

Gouin's "Art of Teaching Languages"  
"Foreign Languages"

Harley's "Physiognomy" - (given as  
examples of good method in teaching)



THE  
MAGNET  
MUSEUM

"Levana" J. P. Richter  
and of course "Home Education"  
In Nat' Science

Here I cannot pick out  
any books as all are delightful  
(perhaps Fowler's "Year with the  
Birds" is exceptionally so)  
In this section I think the  
great advantage of the course  
has been the impetus to out-  
observation for myself, more  
than the study of any par.

ticular books.

3. The examinations seem  
to me very well adapted  
to test the amount of thought  
2 real study which has been  
brought to the work - a  
more literal study of the text-  
books however careful  
would not I think give  
good results in the exam-  
inations - The Standard  
of intelligence required seems  
to me to be rather high -  
So far, of course all is well!  
but it also appears to me that  
occasionally the wording

of the question leaves the  
 meaning a little ambiguous.  
 - It is probably my own  
 fault, but I have several times  
 mistaken the meaning of a  
 question -

I am afraid I have said  
 nothing that will throw any  
 new light on the subject - I  
 am so glad you are going to  
 read a paper.

Do you know anything  
 of the new <sup>boys</sup> school in connection  
 with the P. H. E. L. ? I see the  
 advertisement in the Apr 1  
 Review - I think it is most



interesting - I have long  
hoped someone would do  
something of the kind - I  
long to know all about  
Mr. Underhill - & also  
what sort of boys he will  
get -

With kind regards I am

Yours very sincerely

Blanche Wolryche - Tolant House

19. Queen's Road

S. John's Wood  
n.w.Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Dear Miss Mason

I am so sorry to  
hear of your illness,  
I hope soon you will  
feel stronger, but it has  
been a trying season  
for all who are not in



good health.

I am very sorry my last examination has been so much the worst, I really hardly know if it is worth while for me to try for the National Health Certificate. It would be no use for me to wait another six months, for

I am not likely to have more time for reading, my invalids seem no better & I am engaged most of the day. Though I am almost certain to fail, I can't help thinking it would be a pity not to try as I have gone so far. I feel sorry the three



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years course is ended,  
though I should not have  
time to go on with it, I  
feel it has been very  
helpful & I am so much  
obliged to you for your  
kindness in reading the  
papers, especially when  
you have been ill.

Believe me to remain

Yours sincerely

Maeve Randa

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